

Updates for the week of August 9th, 2004

Tools

- The website <http://medspanish.med.unr.edu/> was established by the University of Nevada School of Medicine to provide free assessment tools to health care professionals who treat non-English speaking persons in the acute medical setting. These assessments are intended for people who have all levels of Spanish proficiency, but especially for those with little or no Spanish language skills.
- Please visit the following website for resources for patients who speak languages other than English: <http://medspanish.med.unr.edu/images/button/resourcesbutton.htm>
- If you would like to review the draft legislation relating to asthma, Visit: http://www.alaw.org/childhood_asthma/washington_asthma_initiative/attack_on_asthma_legislation.html
Follow the link to the draft and a survey regarding the proposal. This is an important step forward for asthma management in our state and needs our input to make it even better. Since time is running out to get legislation in the hopper for next session we need to respond ASAP.
- Visit <http://www.mihealthtools.org/> and see how Michigan has taken the School Health Index to the next level, by combining it with a program from the USDA. It is called Healthy Schools Action Tool. You can register online and download the software, or in September, the tool will be online and you will be able to complete it online.

Training

- **REMINDER!** The dates of the Stata classroom training have been changed to Monday and Tuesday August 30th and 31st at The Learning Center at 6300 Linderson Way, Tumwater, Washington 98501. Phone: 360.586.7900. Please visit the [August events calendar](#) for contact information and details.
- An open invitation is available to attend the Sept. 1st, State Asthma Summit in Seattle. Training materials may be previewed at <http://www.alaw.org/apl>. *Attendance is highly recommended.* It is particularly important that we have Eastern Washington represented. Please contact robisond@wsu.edu with any questions.

Conferences

- **REMINDER!** Next year's American College Health Association's Annual Meeting in San Diego will be titled "Charting a Course for College Health." This conference will be conducted in collaboration with the Pacific Coast College

Health Association. The meeting will take place May 31-June 4, at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego. Program submission forms are now available on our website:

http://www.acha.org/prof_dev/2005annlmtg_cfp.cfm. *Proposals are due September 13, 2004.*

Information/Update

- **REMINDER!** The regular date and time for the Community Conference Calls has changed. Our new standing time is every other Wednesday at 11:00am. Our next call will be Wednesday, August 11th at 11:00am.
- Seattle, Tukwila, and Highline schools are pilot sites for the CDC Division of Adolescent Health's (DASH) School Health Index: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide (SHI) asthma module. The local pilot site coordinator is Carolyn Stemshorn. Out of more than 100 applicants, 9 sites were selected. Each site will facilitate the implementation of the SHI in an elementary school, middle school, and high School. Schools will be receiving their pilot test materials later this month, will be expected to complete the SHI and the evaluations during Sept and Oct, and provide feedback to DASH in Nov. DASH hopes to release the new edition of the SHI , including asthma, in Spring/Summer 2005.
- The Clark County Health Department has recently published the *Clark County Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Report 2002*. The report is available online at Clark County's website at <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/health/statistics/documents/BRFSS%20RPT%202002.pdf> or by contacting the Assessment and Research Unit of the Clark County Health Department at (360) 397-8215.